



Raising the minimum wage is the right thing to do in these hard times and it would benefit us all in the Senator Cassano, long run. To make people more independent is to make them less dependent on state aid. Since the cost of everything is increasing (GDP); it is only fair that some of the hardest working people are taken into consideration. Raising the minimum wage would also be a boost to small business.

I currently do not make minimum wage in CT, but some of my family members do make this wage and cannot live within decent living conditions because of it. My brother has 2 degrees and has struggled with Nonverbal Learning Disabilities through that. He has persevered. However, with all of that knowledge he hasn't even been able to hold a steady job and when he did was only making minimum wage. He lives in our great city of Hartford, and has been relying on family help just to make ends meet. I find this unacceptable.

Senator, please support the bill to raise the minimum wage. \$8.25 just can't cut it anymore.

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